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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Wolfgang GUNTHER ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1714
SERIAL NO.: 09/720,257 :
FILED: January 9, 2001 : EXAMINER: MEDLEY, M.B.
FOR: FUEL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING PROPOXYLATE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)

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SIR:

Applicants hereby request a suspension of action for a time period of six months. The suspension of action is necessary because Applicants are in the process of preparing additional data as discussed with Examiner Medley on March 18, 2003, to provide evidence of superior properties for fuels comprising a propoxylate additive according to the claimed invention in which the number of repeat units n and R^1 are varied within the claimed ranges compared to fuels having the same amount of propoxylate additive but in which the propoxylates have a number of repeat units n and R^1 groups outside the claimed range. It may take about six month to finalize these experiments.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request suspension of action for a period of six months.

Respectfully submitted,

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